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ANNUAL REPORT

For the year 1944

by

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A N N U A L R E P O R T

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, 1944

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report, which as you will observe is on similar lines as the ones for the last three years.

To Mr.Bintcliffe, who is acting for Mr.Jones, the Sanitary Inspector, I wish to tender my warmest thanks for assistance during the year. We hope that Mr.Jones will soon be back with us.

And finally to you, my appreciation for your kindness and help given to me during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,

A.McM.W.SEGERDAL.

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Chairman

Mr.E.A.Deacon, J.P.

Clerk of the Council

Mr.H.W.Beresford.

Medical Officer of Health

A.McM.W.Segerdal, M.D., D.P.H.

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector

Mr.H.Bintcliffe.

Gas & Water Engineer

Mr.J.E.Matlock.

SECTION A

1. GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	4,321
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population mid-1944	5,567
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1944)	1,671
Rateable Value	£25,880
Sum representing 1d Rate..	£102.3.3.

2. VITAL STATISTICS

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population	19.8
(England & Wales)	17.6
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 ... ..	.9
(England & Wales) ... ..	.5
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births ... ..	.91
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	12.6
(England & Wales)	11.6
Deaths from Puerperal Causes per 1,000 Births	0
(England & Wales)	1.9

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 Live Births	55
(England & Wales)	46
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate Live Births	55
Illegitimate do do illegitimate do	0

CAUSES OF DEATH

Cause	Males	Females
Respiratory T.B.	2	1
Other forms of T.B.	1	-
Cancer, Stomach and Duodenum	1	1
Cancer, Breast....	-	4
Cancer, All other sites.	5	2
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	7	4
Heart Disease.	3	7
Other Diseases of Circulatory system	-	1
Bronchitis.	1	1
Pneumonia.	4	3
Other Respiratory diseases....	1	-
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum..	1	-
Diarrhoea under 2 years.	1	-
Other Digestive Diseases.	-	2
Congenital Causes.	2	-
Suicide.	1	-
Road Traffic Accident....	1	-
Other Violent Causes....	1	3
All other causes..	3	6
All causes	35	35

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE AREA

(ii) (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES

Carried out by the County Council, 8, St. Martin's, Leicester.
The examinations performed on behalf of the District in the County Council Laboratories are as follows:-

Swabs for Diphtheria	6
Sputa for T.B.	29
Milk Examination (Bacteriological)	15
Sewage and Water Analyses	2
Urine (General and Bacteriological)	2

Total 54

SECTION C

1. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

- (i) WATER SUPPLY: The Council being the Water Undertaking purchase supply in bulk from the Loughborough Corporation.
- (ii) DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE: The Outfall Works are maintained in a satisfactory manner. No complaints have been received.

2. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

The Council have again continued their grant to property owners to encourage the conversion of pail to water closets. During the year 9 conversions were made making a total of 496 conversions since the subsidy was issued.

Privies ...	...	...	...	...	54
Pail Closets ...	...	...	...	...	514
W.C.s ...	...	...	...	...	1350

(ii) SCAVENGING

This is done in a very satisfactory manner by the Sanitary Department.

- (iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA - See Sanitary Inspector's Report.
- (iv) SHOPS - No action taken.
- (v) CAMPING SITES - None in the Urban Area.
- (vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT - Informal action only.
- (vii) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOL - See Sanitary Inspector's Report.
- (viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS - See Sanitary Inspector's Report.
- (ix) SCABIES - See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

HOUSING

Houses which have been condemned and not demolished have had certain repairs and alterations made and are being used by evacuees.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:-

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	84
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	112
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	Nil
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	Nil
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Two
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	38

2. Remedy of defects during year without service of formal notices:-

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	36
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs... ..	38
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a)	by owners	36
(b)	by local authority in default of owners	Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 38

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) By owners 2

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners -

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.. ... Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit... .. Nil

SECTION F

A. Notifiable Diseases other than Tuberculosis

			Number of cases notified	Cases ad- mitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	...	...	13	7	-
Whooping Cough	...	...	65	-	-
Diphtheria	...	...	1	1 (N.C.)	-
Erysipelas	...	...	3	-	-
Measles	...	...	5	1 (N.C.)	-
Pneumonia	...	...	20	-	-
Dysentery	...	...	1	1 (N.C.)	-
Total...	...	...	108	10	-

Analysis under Age Groups

	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diph- theria	Erysip- -las	Measles	Pneu- monia	Dysen- tery
Under 1 yr	-	9	-	-	1	3	-
1-2	-	9	-	-	2	1	-
2-3	1	11	-	-	-	-	-
3-4	3	7	-	-	1	-	-
4-5	-	10	-	-	-	1	-
5-10	6	19	-	-	-	2	-
10-15	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
20-35	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
35-45	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
45-65	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Total	13	65	1	3	5	20	1

Estimated percentage of child population who have received complete course of immunisation:-

Under 5 years 55%
5 to 15 years 75%

4. TUBERCULOSIS

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
20	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	2	2	2	3	-	1	-

Statement of Particulars

Appearing in the Register of Notifications
of Cases of Tuberculosis for the year 1944

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
No. of cases on the Register at commencement of Year	16	16	32	9	12	21	53
No. of cases notified during the year	3	2	5	2	2	4	9
No. of cases restored to the Register	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases added other than by formal notification ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases removed from Register during year ...	3	-	3	1	-	1	4
No. of cases remaining on Register at end of year...	16	18	34	10	14	24	58

INSPECTIONS OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Premises	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories	(	...	...
Workshops	(24	...	...
Workplaces	(	...	...
Total	24	...	...

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

1. WATER:

Number of samples taken for analysis from pipe supply ... NIL
Result of analysis of samples -
Number of samples taken for analysis from wells 2
Result of analysis of samples Satisfactory
Number of wells closed 1
Number of cases in which public supply was substituted
for well supply 3
Supplies have been restricted for some time during the night, but
full supply is now on again.

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE:

Number of cesspools constructed during the year 0
Number of cesspools abolished during the year 0
Number of cesspools in district on 31st December, 1944 .. 90

3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION:

Total number in district at end of 1944:-

(1) Privies	...	...	54
(2) Pail Closets	...	...	514
(3) W.Cs.	...	...	1350

Pail closets converted to W.Cs. ... 9

4. SCAVENGING:

Household refuse is collected in covered motor lorry and taken to tips situate away from dwelling houses.

Pail closets are emptied at night, weekly, in tumbler carts and taken on to agricultural land. The only privies in the district are situated in farms and cottages outside the scavenging area. Cesspools are emptied by the owners.

5. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA:

Total number of complaints received	...	6
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	...	58

INSPECTIONS MADE

	First Inspections	Revisits
Air Raid Shelters	15	45
Animal Keeping	2	4
Bakehouses	4	16
Dairies & Cowsheds	18	37
Drainage Works	26	115
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	142	26
Food Premises	4	12
Offensive Trades	Nil	Nil
Rats and Mice Destruction	56	168
Refuse Collection & Disposal	21	63
Schools	4	8
Shops	19	57
Slaughter-Houses & Meat Inspection	--	72
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	1	4
Verminous Premises and Scabies	1	1
Water Supplies	2	6
Workshops, etc.	18	24
Other Inspections	82	328
TOTAL	415	986

NOTICES

	HOUSING	OTHER
Outstanding on 1st January	8	1
Issued during year	54	6
Complied with during year	48	2
Statutory action necessary	1	-
Outstanding 31st December	6	-

NOTICES

STATUTORY	HOUSING	OTHER
Outstanding on 1st January	2	-
Issued during year	6	-
Complied with during year	4	-
Outstanding 31st December	2	-

SUMMARY ACTION

No. of Summonses Issued	No. of Convictions obtained
One	One

(7) SHOPS

	Outstanding from previous year	Defects found	Defects Remedied	Outstanding 31st Dec.
Sanitary Conveniences	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Temperature	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ventilation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(8) CAMPING SITES:

None in the Urban Area.

(9) REGULATED BUILDINGS:

	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds	1	4	-	-
Canal Boats	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	-	-	-	-

(10) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS:

Number of dwellings found infested ... Two
Number of dwellings disinfested ... Four

Method employed for disinfestation - Sprayed with insecticide

Carried out by Local Authority ... Two
Carried out by Contractor ... Nil

Insecticides used ... Zaldicide and Lawvercide.

(11) SCHOOLS:

Number of schools disinfested ... Nil
Number of schools disinfected ... 4

(12) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Number in area:-

(a) Publicly owned ... One.
(b) Privately owned ... None.

Number of Inspections ... Four.

(13) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD:

(a) MILK SUPPLY

COWKEEPERS:

No. on Register	No. of Inspections	Number of Contraventions			
		Outstanding from pre-vious year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding 31st December
26	52	-	-	-	-

DAIRYMEN OR PURVEYORS OF MILK (other than Cowkeepers)

No. on Register	No. of Inspections	Number of Contraventions			
		Outstanding from pre-vious year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding 31st December
4	8	-	-	-	-

TOTAL CONTRAVENTIONS:

	Outstanding from pre-vious year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding 31st December
Cleansing	-	-	-	-
Structural Alterations	-	3	3	-

MILK SAMPLING:

Class		Total No.of samples taken for bacterio-logical examination	No.Satis-factory	No.Unsatis-factory
Designated	"Tuberculin Tested"	One	-	-
	"Accredited"	Two	-	-
Ordinary		Four	Three	One

Subsequent samples have been taken which were satisfactory.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of regional slaughter houses in area	...	...	None
Number of animals slaughtered in area	...	...	None
Number of animals examined in area	...	...	None
Number of animals slaughtered elsewhere	...	...	154
Number of animals examined elsewhere	...	...	120
Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	...	...	112

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total weight in lbs
Number killed if known	-	-	-	-	156	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	-	120	-
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	2	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.3	-

Number of
Inspections

Meat Stores, Meat Shops, etc.	22
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale	4

H. BINTCLIFFE,
Sanitary Inspector.

